

## TRUST BOARD MEETING – 31 March 2011

Title of the Paper:	Board Assurance Framework		
Agenda item:	(37/11)		
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Trust Objective:	Provide safe patient care Improve outcomes and quality of care Be financially sound		
<b>Purpose</b> The Assurance Framework outlines the status of the key risks to the organisation’s strategic objectives.			
<b>Risk Implications for the Trust</b> ( <i>including any clinical and financial consequences</i> ):		<b>Mitigating Actions</b> ( <i>Controls</i> ):	
Failure to ensure the Board reviews its key strategic risks may result in non-achievement of strategic objectives. It may result in lack of confidence in the processes for managing the organisation’s key risks and result in low compliance with ALE and NHSLA standards.		Engagement with the Board Assurance Framework ensures that risks to the organisations strategic objectives are appropriately reviewed to ensure their effective management to achieve reduction or mitigation.	
<b>Level of Assurance that can be given to the Trust Board from the report</b> N/A			
<b>Links to Key Line of Enquiry (KLOE 1 - 5)</b> NHSLA Risk Management Standards ALE KLOE 4.1			
<b>Legal Implications:</b> N/A			
<b>Recommendation to the Trust Board:</b> <b>The Trust Board members are asked to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review and note the contents of the Board Assurance Framework and in particular the controls identified to manage the risks and to note progress in managing the risks and actions going forward.</li><li>Note that an earlier iteration of the Board Assurance Framework was reviewed at the recent Audit Committee and at the Integrated Risk and Governance Committee (10th March) and the current Framework reflects amendments required following discussion at these meetings.</li><li>Consider and approve the amendments outlined in the Board Assurance Framework report, supported by Appendix One, the Board Assurance Framework</li></ul>			

